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packages include a <u>reference parameter</u> corresponding to a number indicating the position of the fragments in the <u>message</u>.

Unchanged claim 39:

39. The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of determining a capacity of the components of the conveying network for transmitting data.

Unchanged claim 40:

40. The method of claim 38, wherein the packaging step is performed by a packager, and the packager adds the reference parameter into the data packages.

Unchanged claim 41:

41. The method of claim 38, wherein the data packages further include one or more of the following: an indicia of the size of the message, and an indicia of the identity of the message.

Unchanged claim 42:

42. The method of claim 39, wherein each element of the information path over which the data packages are transmitted is used in determining the capacity of the conveying network.

Unchanged claim 43:

43. The method of claim 39, wherein the step of determining a capacity comprises determining one or more of the following: a number of characters in the message that are operable to be transmitted in the data packages, and a number of bits in the message that are operable to be transmitted in the data packages.

Unchanged claim 44:

44. The method of claim 39, wherein the step of determining the capacity comprises determining the capacity based on a capacity indication from a serving wireless telecommunications network in the conveying network.

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Unchanged claim 45:

45. The method of claim 38, wherein: the dividing step is performed by a fragmenter;

the packaging step is performed by a packager; and

the fragmenter and the packager comprise a message center coupled to a serving wireless telecommunications network that transmits the message to the wireless terminal.

Unchanged claim 46:

- 46. The method of claim 38, wherein:
- the dividing step is performed by a fragmenter;
 the packaging step is performed by a packager; and
 the fragmenter and the packager comprise a short message entity.